

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

1. At page five (5) of the specification, please replace the paragraph beginning, "In accordance with Fig. 1 . . .," with the following:

In accordance with Fig. 1, a receiving element comprises a bolt 2, and a tip 4 that is produced as a separate component having an end section 6 which engages in a recess 8 of the bolt 2 at a forward end of the latter. The bolt 2 comprises or contains wear-resistant sintered material, preferably oxide ceramics, such as, for example, Al_2O_3 or ZrO_2 , or non-oxide ceramics such as Si_3N_4 , or mixtures thereof. The forward section 10 of the ~~[[pin]]~~ tip 4 projects axially out of the bolt 2 and presents an exterior surface 12 that is at least approximately and/or largely conical. In the exit area from the bolt 2, the tip 4 or the forward section 10 thereof includes a maximum external diameter 14 that is smaller by a prescribed amount than the external diameter 16 of the bolt 2 or the exterior surface 18 thereof. The recess 8 in the forward end of the bolt 2 is preferably embodied as a blind hole, and the end section 6 extends axially over only a fraction of the entire length of the bolt 2.

2. At page five (5) of the specification, please replace the paragraph beginning, "The exterior surface 18 . . .," with the following:

The exterior surface 18 runs largely parallel to the longitudinal axis 20 of the bolt or the entire receiving element and is advantageously embodied as a cylindrical exterior surface that is coaxial with the longitudinal axis 20. Alternatively, the exterior surface 18 can have a polygonal exterior contour. As can be seen, a transition area 22 that tapers toward the end section 6 is present between the forward, advantageously conical, end section 6 and the exterior surface 18 of the bolt 2. While the transition area 22 is ~~usefully~~ optionally a component of the bolt 2, the transition area 22 can alternatively also be a component of the tip 4. The receiving element includes a stepped exterior contour with the forward section 10 of the tip 4 projecting out of the bolt 2, the maximum external diameter 14 being substantially smaller than the external diameter 16 of the bolt. The transition area 22 presents a substantially smaller axial extension than the end section 6. Moreover, the takeout angle or cone angle of the transition area 22 is preferably substantially larger than the takeout angle or cone angle of the end section 6.